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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Russian Letter On The Summit

MR Khrushchev's vision of New York where a "brilliant temperament" would respond to the warmth of welcome he was bound to receive there, and his hope that Mr Khrushchev might, like Mr Bevan himself, face the ordeal of addressing the Economic Club of New York suffered a setback with the latest of Mr Khrushchev's communications in which he proposes Moscow rather than New York as the ideal site for a Summit Conference.

The letter is expressed in routine phrases more typical of his staff ghost writer than in the terse phraseology of Mr Khrushchev's own first peace-raiser, and backs noticeably away from the earlier Russian position, which found such favour in Britain, that heads of Government would attend a special meeting of the Security Council.

Security Fears

MR Khrushchev's reference to American fears for his security in New York appears to be based on comments in American newspapers, but has no official basis. Washington disappointment at the tone of the letter indicates that the authorities most closely concerned did not entertain the fears of their speculating column writers, and that they were quite happy about the safety of the Russian Premier in their country.

By formally accepting the suggestion made by General de Gaulle that Europe would be better than the United States for top level talks, the Soviet Government may be playing on the slightest differences between the Big Three Western leaders in the hope of dividing them.

But the disappointment which United States and United Nations officials, notably Mr Hammarskjöld himself, express at the apparent Russian withdrawal from New York is that it may also indicate reservations about the Security Council—the official organ which should deal with the affairs under consideration, and one whose authority in the matter ought to be supported. This apparently amicable letter strongly urging a summit meeting in the near future may in fact indicate a Russian wish to make that meeting impossible.

Peking Pressure?

ONE may wonder whether China, surprised by his sudden personal letter, proposing again the Summit that she had already squashed, has once more brought a protesting Khrushchev back in line with her own antipathy to the United Nations in which she is not represented and where China's vote is still cast by representatives of the Nationalist Government on Formosa.

Russia in this note reveals a marked change of attitude and a cooling off. Old cold war charges reappear to bear this out. And there may also be a degree of disappointment that their affairs in the Middle East are not really so explosive as they could wish to see them. Things, in fact, appear to be quietening down rather well in spite of stubborn attempts, like the one on Mr Sol's life, to keep that unhappy brew on the boil.

Plea For Steps To Halt Indirect Aggression BAGDAD PACT U.N. CALL

PROMPT ACTION BY WEST IS WELCOMED

London, July 29.

The Bagdad Pact ministerial council ended a two-day meeting tonight by calling on the United Nations to help combat the "spreading and dangerous threat to the independence and territorial integrity of sovereign states."

The threat of indirect aggression should be combated by all legitimate means, the communiqué issued by the Council said.

However it did not say what steps should be taken. The "recent prompt action" by the United States and Britain in responding "to the call for help of the lawful governments of the Lebanon and Jordan" was welcomed in the communiqué.

HQ Transfer

The conference was attended by Britain, Turkey, Persia, Pakistan and the United States. Tonight's communiqué also welcomed the United States agreement (disclosed yesterday and reported on page one of yesterday's China Mail) to enter into special bilateral defence agreements with Turkey, Persia and Pakistan, to provide for mutual co-operation for security and defence.

The communiqué concluded by stating that the ministers agreed to maintain close contact to achieve the "aims and purposes of their association for mutual co-operation and to strengthen their ability to resist direct or indirect aggression."

Conference sources said several decisions not recorded in the communiqué were taken. These included:

- ★ The Pact's headquarters should be transferred from Baghdad to Ankara. Pending a final move they should be located in London, at Lancaster House, where the Council met.

- ★ Pakistan should appoint a new Secretary-General of the alliance. The term of office of the present Secretary-General, Mr Awni Haidi, of Iraq, is due to end shortly.

Recognition

A major question before the Bagdad Pact allies was what their respective attitudes should be towards recognition of the new Iraqi republic.

Well-informed sources said that no decision on this was taken at the council session. The sources said that the general broad tendency among the Ministers at the council meeting was towards recognition of the new Iraqi regime.

There was, however, no move towards recognition today. The attitude of the new Bagdad government towards the pact is at the present uncertain though it has not formally withdrawn from it.

Until the new Iraqi regime's attitude became clear, the Pact members intended to leave the door open for Iraq either to stay in or leave.

In the meantime, it was the intention to alter the pact's structure as little as possible beyond negotiating the bilateral agreements between Muslim members and the United States, and transferring the headquarters to Ankara.

Distinction

Ministers in their analysis of developments in the Middle East drew a distinction between Arab nationalism and what they called "Nasserism," sources said.

Mr Dulles in a speech to the Council yesterday said President Nasser of the United Arab Republic did not represent true Arab nationalism. There was general agreement that the three Muslim members—Turkey, Persia and Pakistan—must co-operate more closely against subversion.

Muslim Ministers, according to sources, made strong criticisms against the hostile propaganda broadcast by Cairo and Damascus radios.

According to sources Sir Elton Khan Noon, Prime Minister of Pakistan, wanted the final communiqué to include a passage welcoming the Anglo-American despatch of troops to Jordan.

De Gaulle Reveals Plans For Fifth Republic

Paris, July 29.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle today made public the proposed new French Constitution which will sweep away the Fourth Republic once and for all if it is adopted by the nation this autumn.

The constitution which will set up the Fifth Republic gives sweeping powers to the President for the first time in modern French history, although it falls short of creating an American-type Chief executive.

It also makes it far more difficult for Governments to be voted out of office by the National Assembly deputies who have wielded virtually absolute power over French cabinets for the last 90 years.

Highlights

The following are highlights of General de Gaulle's draft constitution:

- ★ More powers for the President, who can name and dismiss the Prime Minister, dissolve Parliament after consultation with the Premier and the speakers of the assembly, and negotiate international treaties.

- ★ Parliamentary sessions are cut and the government can be overthrown only by an absolute majority in a vote of censure in the assembly.

- ★ The draft leaves the door open for an eventual association between France and Morocco and Tunisia.

- ★ It also gives the Government under what electoral system the two Houses of Parliament are to be elected next November.

Paul Reynaud, 70-year old former Premier, who is head of the constitutional group, said in a brief speech this morning that if the project is rejected by the nation, it will re-open the crisis of last May.—U.P.I. and China Mail Special.

DOMINIC TO BE LET OUT OF GAOL

London, July 29. Dominic Elwes, held in Brixton prison since his return to England with his bride, the former Tessa Kennedy, is to be released from gaol tomorrow, a Judge ruled today.

Elwes had returned to England to face contempt of court charges following his marriage to shipping heiress, Miss Kennedy, who had been made a ward of the court.

Mr Justice Roxburgh said he would authorise Elwes' release from prison tomorrow.

He would also expunge that part of the order which restrained Elwes from speaking to, meeting with, or having any communication with his wife.

He said Elwes' contempt had been deliberate and grave but could not be undone.

He has been in prison long enough to vindicate the rule of law and long enough to deter like-minded youths from imitating his foolish escapade.—China Mail Special.

NEW SUMMIT HOPES: MEETING IN FORTNIGHT?

Washington, July 30.

Diplomats voiced the belief today that the express to the summit was "back on the rails."

President Eisenhower and Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, were both authoritatively reported to be ready to propose to the Soviet Union a top-level meeting of the United Nations Security Council on August 12 to discuss the Middle East.

The expectation was, according to diplomatic informants, that Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Prime Minister, would this time accept the Western proposal despite the harsh tone of his note on Monday to President Eisenhower.

An official familiar with the outline of President Eisenhower's reply said that it would suggest that New York, as the headquarters of the United Nations, would be the logical place for the meeting, but that the United States would not insist on it and would agree to a session in Europe if that were the recommendation of the Security Council.

Diplomatic sources, however, said it seemed still to be a good bet that the summit meeting would be held in New York.—Reuters.

Did Mao Put Pressure On Khrushchev?

London, July 29.

Diplomatic observers tonight speculated whether Khrushchev reiterated his former preference yesterday for a five-power summit meeting in Europe to one at the Security Council in New York after representations from China.

Khrushchev's main objection to the Western proposal, for the permanent representatives at the Security Council to make the technical arrangements for a summit meeting appeared to be the fear that the West, with its superior voting support, could impose an agenda and participation of its own choosing.

The Russians probably felt they could then do little at the summit meeting itself about objecting to what was down for discussion or to who was present, as it would be previously agreed that there should be no voting at the summit.

Switch Noted

Observers, however, had also noted that Peking gave its full support originally for Khrushchev's suggestion of a summit meeting in Geneva with the participation of the Soviet Union, United States, Britain, France and India.

When Mr Harold Macmillan made his counter-proposal for a summit meeting of the Security Council in New York, the People's Daily on July 24 at first dismissed this as a "useless counter-proposal."

But when Khrushchev himself accepted the counter-proposal, the People's Daily on July 25 described Khrushchev's acceptance as "a major step for peace."

Observers nevertheless believed the switch to a Security Council meeting in New York was bound to be unwelcome to China.

US To Recognise Iraq Regime

Washington, July 29.

The United States will in all likelihood recognise the new government of Iraq next week, an informed American source disclosed today.

It was also reliably reported that the West German Government would announce its decision to recognise Iraq this week.

Another Washington report says the United States suspended shipments of military equipment to Iraq immediately after the July 14 coup d'état, according to the Defence Department today.—France-Press.

France Too?

Paris, July 29.

France soon may take steps to recognise the revolutionary government of Iraq, a French foreign ministry spokesman said today.—U.P.I.

NOON REPORT

You hear it every day at noon—the Jardine Gun. Few know how it began. In the China Mail's popular column 25 Years Ago today, the origin of the Noon Gun is recounted.

Mt Everest Leader Has Lucky Escape

Moscow, July 29.

Sir John Hunt, who has been climbing with eight British mountaineers in the Northern Caucasus, disclosed that he had a narrow escape when an ice bridge gave way.

He told reporters on his return here last night that the other climbers did smart rope work and hauled him out of the crevasse.

Sir John Hunt said that blizzards forced the party to spend four days in an ice cave. Despite difficulties caused by bad weather the expedition said its three weeks in the Caucasus had been successful although the first part was disappointing.

The expedition had achieved some outstanding climbs in the Bezingi glacier. The Russians had done everything for them and the Britons formed a favourable opinion of Soviet climbers.

Among the peaks climbed was 17,000-foot Mount Skara, Europe's second highest mountain.—Reuters.

ORAL POLIO VACCINE SUCCESSFUL

London, July 29.

A successful, large-scale test of Polio vaccine administered in capsule and liquid form was reported today in the British Medical Journal.

The preliminary report written by five doctors said 244,500 inhabitants of the Belgian Congo and Bantouland in Africa were successfully vaccinated by the oral method.

Four of the areas where the tests were made faced paralytic polio epidemics but after the vaccinations were administered there were no new cases reported.—U.P.I.

Trapped In Lift

Dundee, July 29.

Twenty-one people were trapped in a lift for 45 minutes today in a store here.

When women began to feel faint, a man removed a roof panel. One woman was on the verge of collapse when released.—China Mail Special.

KUWAIT TO TAKE MORE OF NASSER'S TEACHERS

Cairo, July 29.

Kuwait has decided to increase the number of Egyptian teachers, the Education Minister of Kuwait, oil-rich British-protected sheikhdom, said today.

The minister, Emir Abdullah El Gaber al Sabah, conferred yesterday with the Egyptian Education Minister, Mr Kamaluddin Hussain.

Emir Abdullah told reporters today: "We shall increase the number of Egyptian teachers in Kuwait from 400 to 600."

He also said several of our Egyptian judges would be retained for one more year.

Asked to comment on the Middle East situation, Emir Abdullah said: "I believe peace will prevail and the crisis will be solved without war because all parties are certain that war would lead to the annihilation of mankind."

He said the sheikhdom supported the Republic of Iraq in Iraq-China Mail Special.

MANNED SPACE SHIP TO ORBIT MOON

New York, July 29.

The Republican Aviation Company announced today the launching of a new research programme which may succeed in putting a space ship into orbit around the moon with a crew aboard within the next four years.

The programme will be financed by private capital for a total of \$35,000,000. A \$14,000,000 research centre will be built at Farmingdale near New York, where the Republican Aviation Company's factories are located.

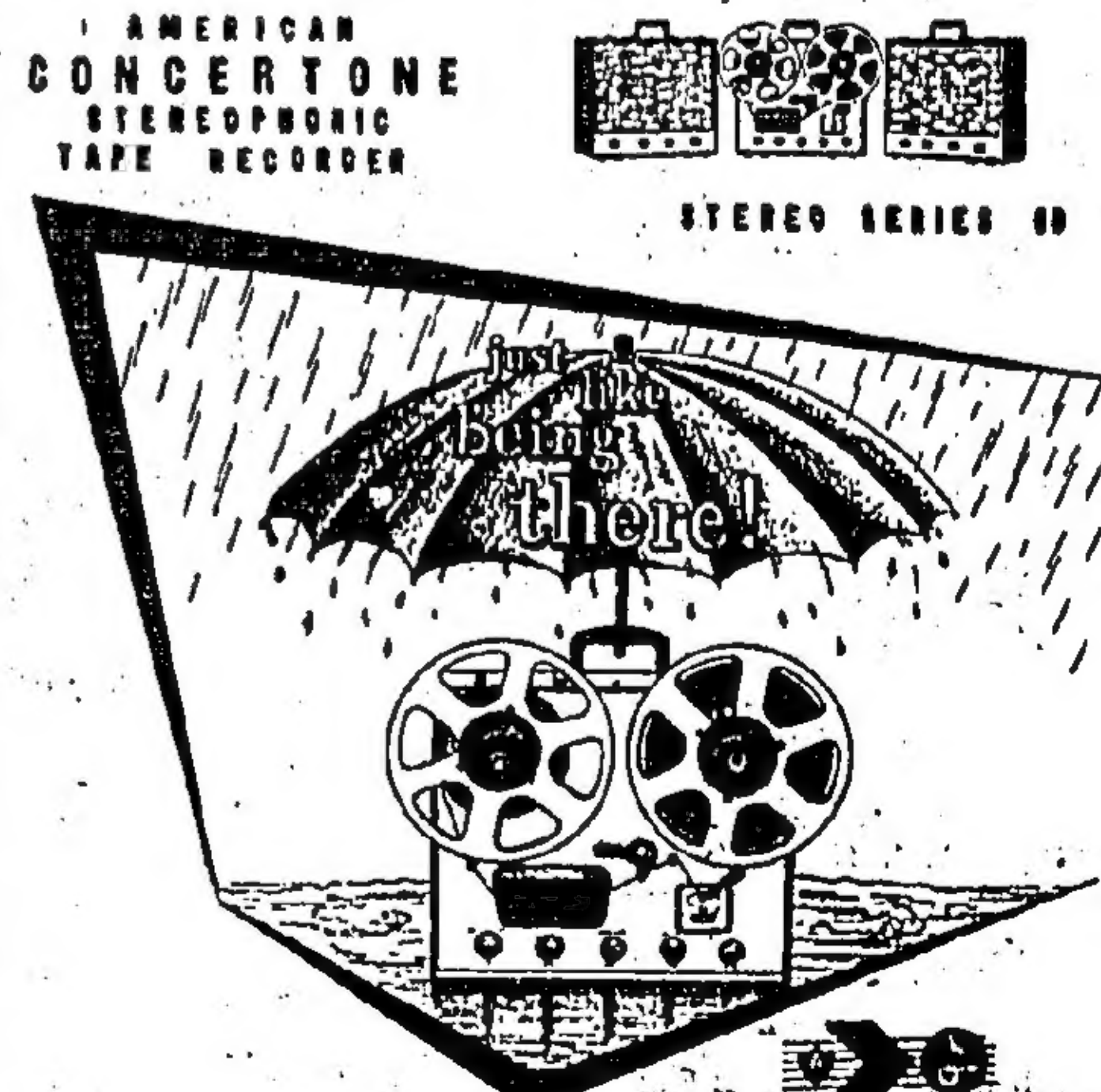
More than 300 researchers will take part in the preliminary work which the Company spokesman said would mark the transition from aerodynamics to astronautics. They will study everything from planes with a vertical take-off and supersonic bombers to civil and military space ships.—France-Press.

Soviet Sailor's Freedom Swim

Istanbul, July 29.

A Russian sailor plunged into the Bosphorus from the Russian cargo ship, Chubukof, here today, then swam into Bebek Bay and asked police for asylum.

His name was given as Georgi Dimitrieff. He was in a bathing costume and carried his personal goods in a nylon bag.—Reuters.

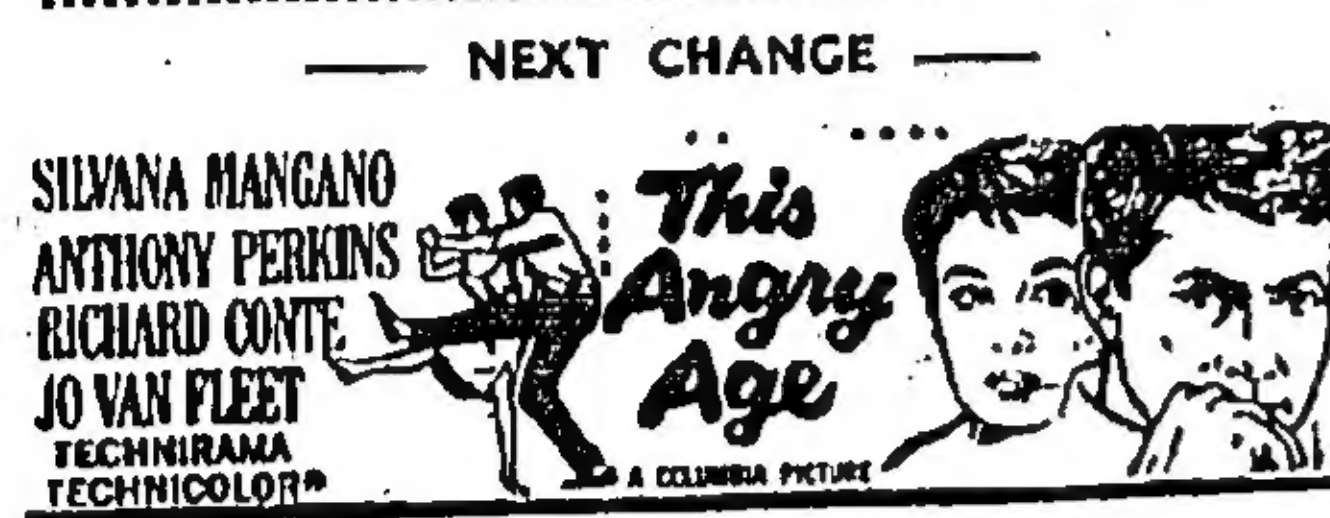


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PLANS FOR 12-DAY TEXTILE TALKS PARLIAMENTARY VISIT TO H.K.

HIGH LEVEL NEWS

T.V. Satellite For Moscow Broadcasts

Moscow, July 29.
An earth satellite relaying
Moscow television broad-
casts to "the overwhelm-
ing majority of mankind"
is already within the
means of Soviet science
and industry, according to
an article in Znanie Sila
(Knowledge is Strength),
Tass, the Soviet news
agency, reported today.
"Handing" at a height of
30,000 kilometres (22,369 miles),
and keeping pace with the
earth's rotation, it could relay
programmes to Asia, Africa,
Europe and Australia, the
article said.—China Mail Special.

ON SCHEDULE

Cambridge, Mass., July 29.
The first sighting of America's
latest satellite explorer IV, was
reported today by a moonwatch
team in Pretoria, South Africa.
The Smithsonian said this
sighting indicated "the new
American moon, which has been
dubbed 1958 Epsilon by ob-
servatory scientists, is "on the
schedule laid down for it."
—U.P.I.

OFF TARGET

Beirut, July 29.
Scattered shooting broke out
in Beirut this evening, the
larger part of it directed at a
United States Air Force
meteorological balloon drifting
across the city.—Reuter.

ISRAEL WAS A BLUNDER ARABIA WILL BE GREAT "Put Not Your Trust In Princes..."

London, July 29.
Lord Attlee, Britain's first postwar prime minister,
said today that the creation of a Jewish
national home in Israel "was a mistake in
British policy."

Mixed Bathing For Murderers

Jerusalem, July 29.
Only a handful of bathers
defied threats of violence
and assassination by an
extreme religious sect to
use a mixed bathing pool
officially opened to the
public here today.
According to the sect,
Neturei Karta or "Guardians
of the City," mixed bathers
will defile the holy
city. The new pool would
breed "thieves and murder-
ers," the sect claimed in
protests and demonstrations
during construction of the
open air pool.
None of the sect attended
today's opening and the first
few hours of bathing were
quiet and uneventful.
Neturei Karta warned
only last week "The day
the pool opens will be a
dark day in the annals of
Jerusalem." Leaders signed
"Sons of Pious the avenger"
carried threats to blow up
the pool with explosives
and to assassinate those
who authorized it.
A spokesman for moder-
ate religious parties in
Jerusalem said tonight they
would continue a world-
wide campaign against mixed
bathing in the holy city.
—China Mail Special.

Our Double Revolution Is On The Way... Techniques & Textiles

London, July 29.
Five members of Parliament, including Lord Rea,
the Liberal leader in the Lords, met in the
House of Commons here today to discuss some
of the details of their 12-day visit to Hong-
kong this November.

The visit is being made under the auspices of the
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at
the invitation of the Hongkong branch.

The United Kingdom delega-
tion has been chosen with an
eye on the current problems
affecting textile manufacturers
and workers in Britain and in
Hongkong.

Lord Rea is a merchant
banker and all the other
delegates are also strongly in-
terested in the development of
Commonwealth trade links.

Suggestions

Mr Robert Turton, a former
Minister of Health, is Vice-
Chairman of the Conservative
"Expanding Commonwealth
Group" which has recently
been formulating a series of
suggestions and proposals for
the Commonwealth Economic
Conference in Montreal.

Mr Alan Green (Conserva-
tive) represents Preston South
in Lancashire—heart of Bri-
tain's cotton industry—and his
business interests include the
manufacture of textile

machinery and industrial cloth.
Completing the delegation are
Mr Harvey Rhodes (Labour), a
woollen manufacturer and Mr
Sydney Irving (Labour), a
schoolmaster.

In the Commons debate on
Commonwealth Trade a week
ago, Mr Green suggested that
two industrial revolutions were
going on in the Commonwealth
side by side.

Colonial territories were en-
tering the phase which Britain
passed through 180 years ago,
and Britain was entering a re-
volution based on new tech-
niques, new materials and new
sources of power.—Reuter.

LAST HONOURS FOR CHENNAULT

Washington, July 28.
The body of Lt. Gen.
Claire L. Chennault was
brought here today to re-
ceive the nation's final
honours.
The remains of the leader
of the Flying Tigers of
World War II arrived here
by plane from New Or-
leans where he died of
lung cancer on Saturday.
Troops of the 1100th
Security Squadron formed
an honour guard as the
flag-draped casket of the
old warrior was lifted from
the plane at Bolling Air
Force Base and transferred
to a hearse that took it to a
private funeral home West
of the White House.—U.P.I.

Double Divorce

Southampton, July 29.
Lady Huggins was granted a
decree nisi at Divorce Court
here today because of adultery
by her husband, Sir John Hug-
gins, 68, former Governor of
Jamaica. They married in
February, 1929, at St. Mary's
Church, Kuala Lumpur.

Lady Huggins who is 50
alleged adultery by Sir John
Huggins with Mrs Margaret
Hitchcock. No defence was
offered.
Immediately following the
case Mr Alfred Hitchcock was
granted a decree nisi against his
wife, 45-year-old Mrs Margaret
Hitchcock, on the grounds of
misconduct with Sir John Hug-
gins. Mr Hitchcock was granted
custody of a 15-year-old
daughter.
Both petitions were undefend-
ed.—China Mail Special.

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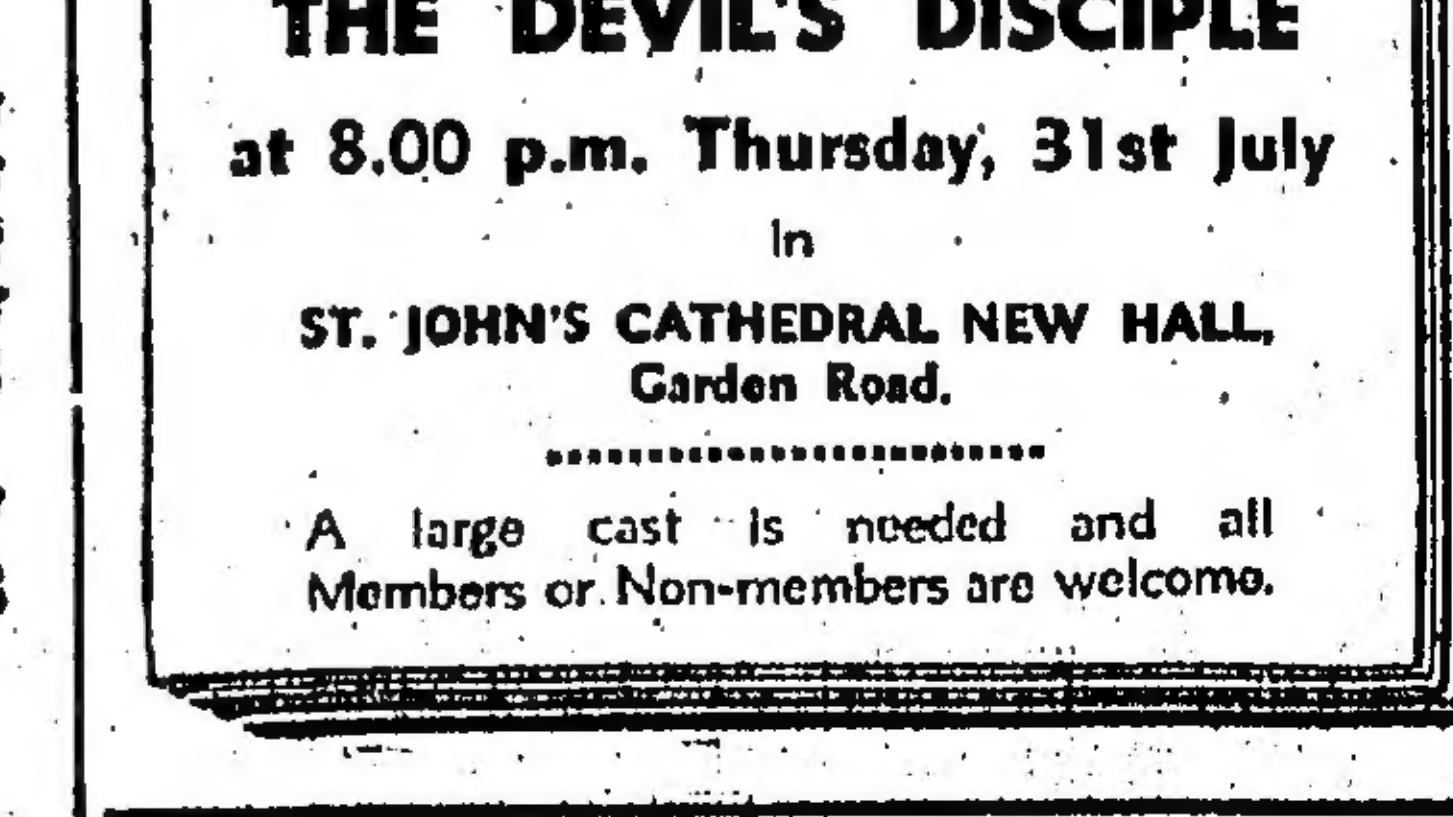
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PEOPLE in the news

A FADED MESSAGE IS WORTH £7,000

By GRAHAM DARK

A YOUNG Oxford graduate has made the greatest book find for years. His discovery is worth thousands.

It was just a few scribbled and faded words with a royal signature in one of the books sold at Christies from the Duke of Devonshire's Chatsworth library.

The book sold for £3,200 to one of London's leading rare book firms. If the inscription had been known, it would have sold for £10,000 or more, experts estimated.

But only 28-year-old Mr P. J. Croft, glancing through the Chatsworth books before the sale, noticed the writing in fifteenth-century English.

"Misses Rosse, I trust in your prayers the which I pray you I may be partner of—Margaret R. The King's Mother."

1494 EDITION

It is the only known inscription by Margaret Beaufort, Countess of Richmond and mother of Henry VII, in one of the world's earliest books.

She patronised Caxton and his successor, Wynkyn de Worde, who printed this book in 1494.

Before the sale Mr Croft told Mr H. R. T. Williams, managing director of the book firm.

Mr Williams said "Naturally, I hoped no one else had heard about the discovery. But clearly no one had."

About three-quarters of the Duke's books—altogether they fetched £100,000—went to America that day. "I hope this will stay in England," said Mr Williams.

The book is Walter Hylton's "Ladder of Perfection."

These Are The Men Who Smile Down From The Hoardings

by JOCASTA INNES

THEY have probably the most familiar men's faces in Britain—and the most anonymous. The Romeo in white tie and tails casually popping champagne corks in the glossy magazines; the boy-next-door type who bares a faultless set of teeth on the telly; one cheery chap in a policeman's helmet who is spread across every advertising hoarding in the country.

These are the male models, the men whose ability to wear a 10 gn. overcoat with a 20 gn. air can earn them anything up to £3,000 a year.

These high fees—from 2 gn. an hour, 8 gn. a day—attract a large number of amateurs—out-of-work actors, needy students. The models who command top fees are the ones whom photographers can rely on, the experts who can look more like a bank manager than the real life article.

One of the most adaptable countenances in the trade belongs to public-school-and-Oxford educated Hubert Wood, an urbane silver-haired bachelor who spent most of his fifty-odd years eking out a precarious living in the theatre.

A MEETING

That was until six years ago, when a chance meeting in a television studio set him on the path to security and a super-tax income as a top-flight male model.

"I was very lucky, of course," says Mr Wood. "It just happened that I was a type they needed—I got a job straight away and I have never looked back."

Now Mr Bank Manager—as he is known in photographic circles—has as many jobs as he can find time for, clears up to £100 a week, owns a pleasant flat in Kensington, a poodle, motor-launch, 37 suits, and looks

GOOD MONEY

forward to a long and prosperous career. "The important thing in this business is to be able to relax in front of the camera," he says.

Another model whose facial versatility has made him a favourite with photographers is 34-year-old Vic Taylor, one-time builder's apprentice in Peterborough, who entered modelling by a violent route—as film stunt man in rough-house scenes.

Mr Taylor, who describes himself as the "rugged family type," lives with his pretty wife Phyllis and small son—both part-time models—in a small flat in Holborn.

Since he took up modelling Vic has starred in TV commercials, posed for countless "family group" ads, and collected enough photographs of himself to fill a bulging suitcase. He frankly enjoys the life.

"You meet a lot of people, get around a bit, and earn good money. In the old days in the building trade I earned £7 a week. As a model I average £225 a week—three times as much when times are good."

What of the beginners? "I spoke to Bob Waters, a good-looking square-cut 27-year-old who has only been in the game for three months."

Bob, married, with a brand-new and still largely unfurnished house in Kent, originally intended to be a fitter but had to give that up for health reasons.

BRAVE MAN

In the past three months, as a raw apprentice model, he has earned considerably more than he would have in the fur trade.

"The trouble is it isn't a steady, regular job. You have bad weeks without any work, when the wife goes apprehensive. But there are good things about it—I build up your self-confidence. Three months ago I was so shy I couldn't have said boo to a goose."

"And the thing I was afraid of was that people would laugh at me for being a male model. It's not that I am scared of being laughed at, but I lose my temper quickly and I have been in too many fights to enjoy that sort of thing."

This is one of the hazards of the trade which he is not likely to encounter. It would be a brave man who mustered up enough courage to laugh at rugged male model Bob Waters.

Three Duties For The Wife To Keep Her Husband Sane

London. Every wife had the duty to keep her husband humble and to keep him up to the mark, said Sir Arthur Forde, chairman of the B.B.C., at the last of the world-wide meetings of the Mothers Union.

Speaking at the Central Hall Westminster, he said a wife ought not to let her husband get too immersed in his job.

For children to have a good home each parent must relinquish any claim to possess the child. Fathers sometimes tended to try to realise through their sons, the ambitions they had failed to achieve or to try to repeat their own successes. —People's Special.

A Weekly China Mail Feature

The Best That They Can Hope For Is A Chance To Referee

By SIMON KAVANAUGH

London. CHARLES Laughton is fun to meet. At 59 (on July 1), he still has the untidy charm, the cheeky smile of a schoolboy.

His suit crumples lumpily about his enormous body. His shirt—though expensively tailored—is limp and shapeless. The grey strands of his hair are scattered to every wind.



In repose, his face is blank—a crossed junket of a face bridged by slack, rather surly lips. He has a button nose and large, watery eyes which seem to be forever squinting against the sun.

For a whole generation, Laughton has lumbered top-heavily across the screen in a fabulous variety of characters. Only the dashing hero, as he will point out, is missing.

He is an actor who has grown into a legend, largely because his approach is ever new. But he is the last to admit this—"People have seen every aspect of me now, and they know what to expect—old Laughton cooked up."

Recently, he completed 25 years in films, most of them in America (he was made an American citizen in 1950), but his richly sour, cultivated voice has no trace of an accent. Instead, it has acquired over the years the dry authority of a teacher.

Laughton at home is mild, although diffident with strangers, leisure-loving and deliberately untidy—but this does not disturb his wife of 20 years, Elsa Lanchester.

Often he is to be seen in the fields about Hollywood, his globular body shuffling through the flowers, tweed cap perched lopsidely on his head like a penny on an orange.

Laughton affects no airs, except when he is "living the part" at his eleven-room Hollywood home. He accepts his appearance: "I've got a face like the behind of an elephant."

SHE KOUDEER JUDGE

With a gun

I ASKED: "How can you reconcile your religious teaching with your duties as a paratrooper? Suppose you were told to take a gun in your hand and use it on your fellow men?"

"That's it," he said. "Vaughan's crossing it is, in fact, a reference to the celebrated Jesuit, Father Vaughan, who, when he first became a Jesuit, was asked by his friends how he felt about it."

"His reply was: 'It doesn't matter what I do, it's the will of God. I would not have minded if I had become a crossing sweeper! But if I had become a crossing sweeper I would have swept my crossing so well that people would have come from miles around to see Vaughan's crossing!'"

"When I entered the Army I thought: 'It's God's will that I shall be a soldier for two years, I consider it my duty to be as good a soldier as possible, and in life's best possible moment. That is why,' he pointed to the faded Red Beret, 'I am wearing that.'"

When I next saw Moloney he was still sick and he thought he was alone.

He was kneeling by his blankets on the sand.

He was praying, just as he would have been at home in Liverpool. I can tell you one thing: Second Lieutenant Peter Moloney is a very happy man.

Going to church on Sunday?

Donald Seaman

The monk in the Red Beret

GOING to church on Sunday? From the blazing heat of the great paratroop base in Cyprus, piled high with all the accoutrement of war, I bring you the story of paratrooper-extraordinary Peter Desmond Moloney.

I think it may help you, whatever your denomination, when you and the family face once more that awkward Sunday question which nags secretly at so many of us.

Second Lieutenant Peter Moloney is unique among the many varied types who wear the Red Beret. He was formerly a Trappist monk, and went direct from the monastery to National Service in the Army.

I found Peter Moloney in the grinding heat of a Cyprus summer evening, lying ill in his tent with suspected dysentery.

As I walked in he was reading this book: "Saint Bernard and his Monks," by Theodore Maynard. "You see," said this remarkable young man, "I am still a monk at heart."

His once shaven head was now covered with hair of crew cut length. On his broad chest the metal dogtags of the soldier replaced the crucifix he used to wear.

He was small for the average paratrooper—5ft. 6in.—but wide of shoulder. He looked like a boxer in magnificent fighting trim.

It was hard to imagine anyone less like the traditional monk. His was the appearance of a tough paratrooper, but his words were the words of the dedicated priest.

"I thought, and I still think," he said, "that the finest thing any man can do is devote his life to the love, the knowledge, and service of God."

Transformed

THEN he told me how he came to join the paratroops. In 1953 he was a student at Liverpool University, a brilliant linguist and the university's champion debater. He volunteered to spend his holidays helping to build Santa Maria, the Trappist Abbey at Nunraw, south of Edinburgh.

He knew at once that this was his calling, went to the Guest Master and told him: "I believe I have a vocation to enter the service of God."

"After one month as a postulant I took the habit and became a novice," he said. "I had been in a novitiate for 20 months and was entirely happy when I was called one day to the Lord Abbot."

"Here was the position: in four more months I was ready to take the eternal vows of poverty, chastity, and

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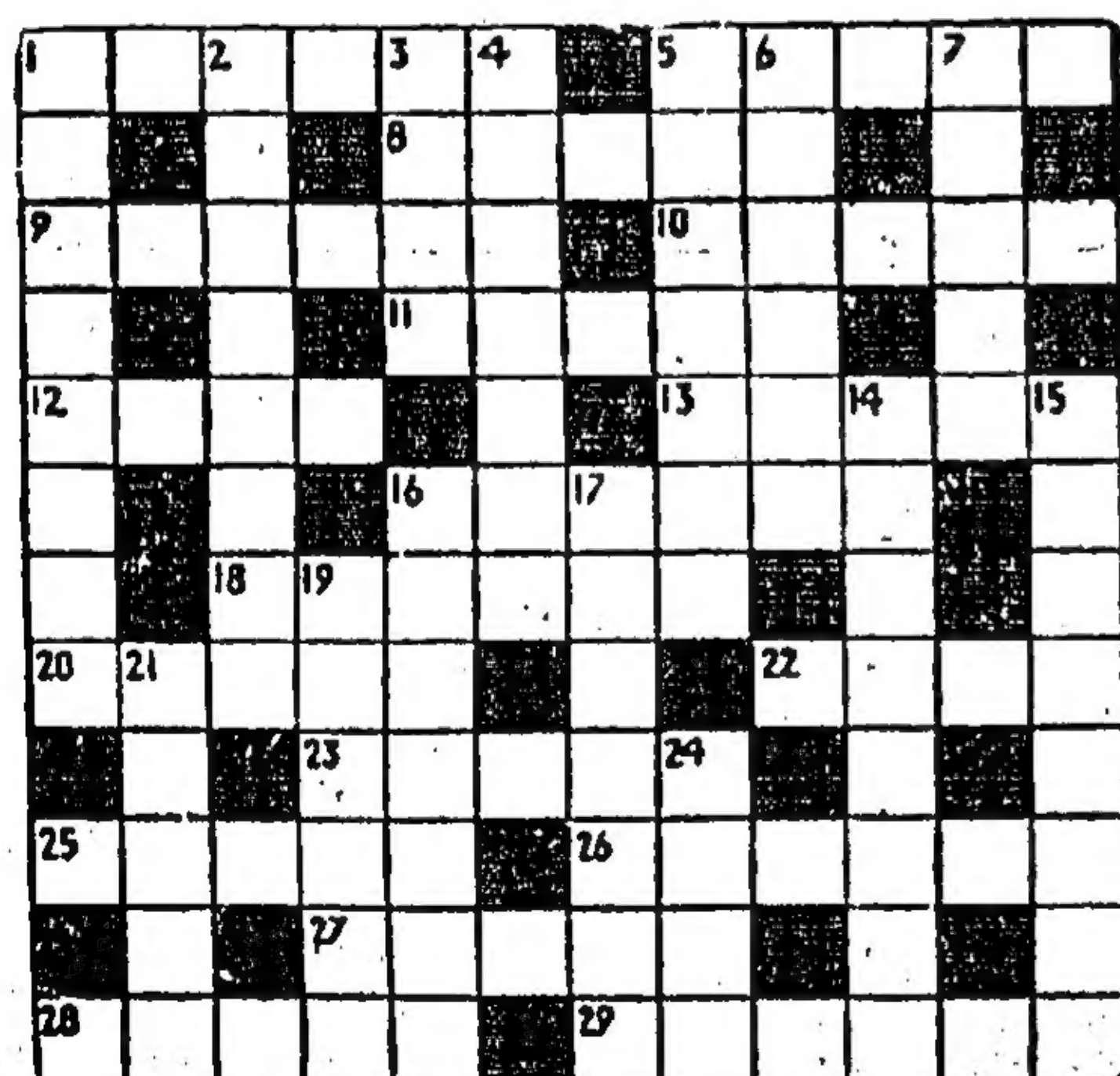
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 The spider's parlour? (6).
- 5 Well-covered (5).
- 8 Speed and rhythm (5).
- 9 Does some stirring? (6).
- 10 It has a funny bone (5).
- 11 Make amends (6).
- 12 Implant deeply (4).
- 13 Get out of bed (5).
- 16 Amount allowed (6).
- 18 P. C. on fatigues? (6).
- 22 The best (5).
- 23 Increment (4).
- 24 Covered with lather? (5).
- 26 Up and doing (5).
- 27 Literary attempt (5).
- 28 Trip (5).
- 29 Another name for "16" (9).

DOWN

- 1 Paint or powder, perhaps (8).
- 2 Old cinema apparatus (8).
- 3 It's liable to blow its top (4).
- 4 Animal-like (7).
- 5 Place for exercise where the sky's the limit (4, 3).
- 6 Spanish dance (6).
- 7 Discovers what dominates have (5).
- 14 Give information of a private nature? (8).
- 15 What a relief! (6).
- 16 What some might feel about having to use code (7).
- 17 Good chap, very keen on temperance (7).
- 19 This one's not so difficult (6).
- 21 One form of siren (3).
- 24 Spinning toy (4).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Wobble, 5 Socks, 8 Oath, 9 Tights, 11 Orbit, 12 Sister, 14 Pear, 16 Erock, 18 Hoard, 20 Gnat, 22 Profit, 24 Cairo, 25 Riding, 26 Sign, 27 Large, 28 Edited, Down: 1 Wits, 2 Bags, 3 Loin, 4 Easter, 5 Shorten, 6 Cabinet, 7 Satellite, 10 Hiker, 13 Chaney, 14 Pioneer, 16 Adipose, 17 Rapid, 19 George, 21 Find, 22 Tilt, 23 Aged.

Secret Agent

GERMAN SPY I FED WITH INFORMATION

—All Of It False

ONE day towards the end of 1916 a British Intelligence in Cairo wrote a minute of two words and put it in a file marked "Scheubner-Richter Expedition." The minute was "File closed."

The file recorded the activities of a German Army expedition sent into North Persia to spy out a route into the Middle East, to be used when the Russians were defeated. Among the names of the members of the expedition was that of Paul Leverkuchn.

Like in February 1944 the "secret-line scribbler" telephone rang in my office at G.H.Q. in Cairo. A voice I knew well said, "You can call off Operation Paul. Canaris has been sacked. Leverkuchn has been recalled, and the Istanbul War Station closed down."

As I wrote the word "closed" on the file of Operation Paul, I felt almost that I was saying goodbye to an old friend. My job had been to mislead and feed false information to one of the most polished and most honourable spies in the service of the British Empire.

When the second world war broke out, Paul Leverkuchn had a prospering practice at the Hamburg Bar. He was also a friend of Canaris, head of the German Intelligence. The Admiral had looked at the file on his friend kept by Colonel Nicolai, famous German spy-chief of the first world war, and realised that Leverkuchn was the only surviving member of the North Persian expedition. But the task in 1939 was the same as in 1915 — to chart the Wehrmacht's road to the Middle East.

Colonel Wurlimont, Chief of Operations at the German G.H.Q., sent Canaris an urgent SOS, and in March 1940 Leverkuchn was appointed Consul in Tabriz. Travelling about the region, he soon charted a route through the Kara Dagh mountains, and when the German armies reached the Caucasus in 1942 the commanders had Leverkuchn's maps. But there was more important work for Leverkuchn to do, and early in 1941 he was recalled.

Woman agent

In July he was put in charge of the newly-created Abwehr War Station in Istanbul. His arrival did not pass unnoticed by the British Intelligence, already established in this neutral but vitally important Middle East cross-roads.

To use Leverkuchn's own words, "Beyond an order to set up an Intelligence organisation for the reconnaissance of the near and Middle East, I received no instructions of any kind."

By Lt.-Colonel John Baker White

But soon he was joined by one of the most formidable secret agents in the German service, Paula Koch, who in the first world war had been in charge of an advanced field-dressing station in the Turkish-German attack on the Suez Canal. A devout Catholic, a remarkable and brave woman, she had grown up in Aleppo and had an intimate knowledge of the Middle East.

She put her new boss in touch with a number of anti-British Arabs who had contacts with the Egyptian monarchy. Because Turkey was neutral, and Egypt ostensibly so, they were free to travel between the two countries. Paula also introduced Leverkuchn to Musa Hussein, the able nephew of the Mufti of Jerusalem and sworn enemy of Britain, and to the notorious Fushid Ali, a constant thorn in the side of the Allies.

The exact methods used must remain secret, as must the way in which we managed to "sell" the Abwehr three British armoured divisions and several squadrons of the R.A.F. that never existed except as collapsible laths and canvas. In fact, the deception of the Istanbul War Station became a special operation, in which I had a more than passing personal interest.

Then the luck turned in our direction in a dramatic fashion. On Leverkuchn's staff was a Dr. Erich Vermeiren, whose wife was born Countess Pielenberg. Both were ardent Catholics and fanatical anti-Nazis. The Countess was a distant relation of von Papen, the German Ambassador in Ankara. One day quite soon after their arrival in Turkey, through a completely trustworthy channel, came the surprising news that the young couple wished to become agents of the British Intelligence.

Such approaches are regarded always with suspicion, but this one proved to be as genuine as the information they gave about the Istanbul War Station. However, the Vermeirens' real aim was to escape from Nazi rule, and in February 1944 they were flown to Cairo in a British aircraft.

He knew of the sinking of H.M.S. Barham less than 48 hours after it happened, although the loss was kept "top secret" for three months by the British Admiralty. He was a formidable and polished spy-chief with plenty of money at his disposal—and the invaluable Paula Koch.

But bit by bit the Allied Intelligence caught up with him. One by one the security leaks were plugged; one by one, his agents identified.

"Canvas" planes

Like many Germans, Leverkuchn had a passion for detail, nothing regimental flashes and badges, the most ordinary movements of vehicles and small formations, and even the most unimportant rumours. With his agents spotted, but some left to run free, it was possible to "feed" them with information.

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Naturally we extracted the last ounce of propaganda value of this defection, all the more so because of the Countess's relationship to von Papen, but the results were more far-reaching than we realized at first. It came, just at the moment when Hitler was going all-out to persuade Hitler to dismiss Canaris and put the Abwehr under Gestapo control.

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In August 1944 Turkey broke off diplomatic relations with Germany and the whole Nazi spy-system in the Middle East disintegrated.

Dreadful fate

Leverkuchn did not share the dreadful fate of Canaris, for he kept clear of all plots against the

Nazi regime. At the Nurnberg trial of the Nazi leaders he was defending counsel for General Joll and other members of the Supreme Headquarters staff. Later, he defended Field-Marshal von Manstein in his trial at Hamburg.

Today, Paul Leverkuchn has a distinguished law practice in Hamburg, is a member of the German Federal Parliament, and a member of the Steering Committee that organises interchanges between British and German Members of Parliament.

Thrill Tablets For Sale Offered To Teenagers At 6d. Each

By A CHINA MAIL CORRESPONDENT

London. "Thrill tablets," which became notorious at pre-war Mayfair parties, are now being sold to teenagers at sixpence each.

Last week in a Soho cafe I was offered four tablets at sixpence each, and teenagers who were interested in them were told by the pedlar: "Take one of these and you will be able to see the stars."

A police analyst who examined the tablets confirmed that they appeared to be "controlled" drugs, scheduled under the poisons regulations.

On Home Office advice I took them to Scotland Yard, who are interested in the disappearance of dangerous tablets.

The thrill tablet which used to circulate at Mayfair parties is said to produce intense exhilaration. Another mauve-coloured tablet, of triangular shape, is known to

teenagers as the "purple heart" pill.

Last year it was revealed that a huge black market handling that pill had been organised in South Wales, and that women were taking part-time jobs simply to get the money to buy the pills.

Another tablet contains dexamphetamine sulphate, which is largely used in slimming tablets. None of the tablets should be used without medical sanction.

A legal expert said: "As the law stands the police can take no action under the poisons regulations against those reselling these drugs."

"A chemist selling them to people without a doctor's prescription could be proceeded against. But whatever the law is it is highly undesirable that they should be indiscriminately sold to young people."

The Home Office and Scotland Yard are now investigating.

A FIRST-HAND REPORT ON THE FLEET IN THE NEWS Yes, They're Tough These Leathernecks!

By GORDON HOLMAN

I WAS at sea with Vice-Admiral "Cat" Brown's Sixth Fleet when the Near East crisis began to develop. I found a hard, almost ruthless efficiency, with men right on their toes in all departments of the ships.

They have been equipped for their task without regard for cost. Some of their aircraft they fly day and night, are worth more than £1,000,000 each.

It goes down to the last detail. No longer is it a clump of cotton wool to protect the ears against shattering noise. The men of the Sixth Fleet have specially designed earplugs in next pocket type cases.

Although it numbers about 70 ships, including an aircraft carrier with nearly 4,000 men on board, the Sixth Fleet draws all its supplies from the United States.

The chain of blit ships bringing supplies across the Atlantic is a development of the Fleet Train used by the Americans in the Pacific during the war.

STOCKED

The Sixth Fleet is constantly being stocked up at sea. As part of the training that keeps them practically on a war footing, the men in the ships are used to moving hundreds of tons of food, fuel and ammunition while they steam at 10 knots or more alongside the supply ships.

American Servicemen live well. In ships like the 60,000-ton aircraft carrier Saratoga, they can get most of the fruit juices and packaged cereal foods they have at home. Minn meals include fresh meat and fish. Modern refrigeration keeps it fresh.

The shops in the ship have a selection of cigars such as would only be found in the West End here. The most expensive cost only a few pence. Cigarettes are even cheaper, and are bought by the carton—200 in packets of 20—for about 3s.

GOOD LIVING

Programmes of cinema shows are announced over the ship's loudspeaker system every day. So, too, is the state of the weather. "You men working below will be interested to hear it is a fine, sunny day; temperature 84 degrees."

Men serving in modern warships designed to resist atomic attack may not see daylight from one day to another. On the flight deck, where 1,000-mile-an-hour jet fighters

KEEN EYES

Of medium height, with keen blue eyes in a weather-beaten face, "Cat" Brown constantly hops by helicopter from his flagship, the cruiser Des Moines, to other ships in the fleet.

The U.S. Marines, under Brig-General Wade, are the men who give the Sixth Fleet its "on-the-ground" punch. They live in big amphibious assault ships, in which are embarked the smaller assault landing craft.

But toughness is one of the things the Marines take pride in. They are trained like British commando troops. But they also ready on ceremonial occasions to march up to our Guards.

TRADITION

They have an unbroken tradition going back to 1776. A United States naval officer reminded me that it was in the Mediterranean in 1803 that the Marines came by their famous nickname—the Leathernecks.

"It was in some fighting there that a Marine took a sword cut across his neck to save an officer—and lived," he said.

Admiral Brown has stressed to all his officers and men that the chief aim of the Sixth Fleet—the most powerful striking force on this side of the Atlantic today—is to preserve the peace.

Unlike the days of Suez, there is a strong understanding between British and American naval forces in the Mediterranean. When his helicopter touched down on the aircraft carrier Saratoga recently, "Cat" Brown stepped out, wearing a blue beret with a Royal Navy badge on it.

It had been given to him by our Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Durnford-Slater, and "Cat" Brown saw no need to change it.

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"The Group agree, then, that we wish to place on record that we deplore the fact that the landing of American troops in Lebanon has pushed poor Mr. Douglas-Horne and his princess right off the front page."

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Careful Bidding
Makes Champs

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN Leonard Harmon of New York and Dr. Ivar Stalkgold of Washington won both the open pairs and the Vanderbilt Cup at the recent Spring Nationals, it confirmed the fact that they were one of the strongest pairs in the country.

A large part of their success is due to careful bidding.

In the hand taken from the open pairs all South players opened one spade and all North's raised to two. As this point most Souths jumped to four spades and proceeded to go down one trick when trumps failed to break.

Ivar chose to rebid three hearts and Lenny raised him to four. With good play the four

NORTH 18			
♠ K 5 4 3			
♥ A 8 4			
♦ 8 5			
♣ A 7 3			
EAST			
♠ 8			
♥ Q J 3			
♦ J 8 7 4 2			
♣ K Q J 2			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A 10 8 2			
♥ K 10 5			
♦ A 2			
♣ A 10			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K			

heart game was unbeatable since Ivar was able to discard dummy's losing diamond on his fifth spade.

Careful play was essential. He won the first club, cashed the two top trumps, led a spade to dummy's king and a second spade toward his own hand. East could not afford to ruff this. He might be trumping his partner's trick.

Ivar took his ace and led another spade. West won and led two high clubs. Ivar trumped the second one and led out his last trump. East was now in the lead but it was too late. The long spade was established for a diamond discard.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1 ♠ Pass Pass Double
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
Pass 7

You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 10 ♣ A J 8 7 ♦ 2 ♠ K Q 3

What do you do now?
A—Bid three no-trump. Your partner may have a solid diamond suit and only three hearts in which case no-trump will be the right spot.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of bidding three hearts your partner has gone to two spades over your two-heart bid. What do you bid in this case?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS NEWS

By LEONARD BARDEN

Solution No. 544: 1 R x P ch, K x R; 2 Q x R mate, or Q x R; 2 Q x P mate.
London Express Service

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm really proud of these flowers I raised—now when George tries to make up after our next quarrel, he can just go out and buy me a mimik con!"



THE SACK IS OUT

Paris, July 29.

THE first half-dozen top Paris showings of the Autumn and Winter collection have shown that the sack silhouette has gone the way of the bustle, the bloomer and the high-button boot.

In its place is the return of the waistline, the revival of belted, the bodice-interest centered in high rise and empire effects.

This is not an unmodified return to fitted lines, but an evolution, indicating that the needle of fashion's compass is swinging north—and north is upwards.

Hemlines are up in every house, and silhouettes concentrate attention on rising waists and bulky-topped collar and sleeve effects.

Balmain in today's second day of the showing brought the boom into the limelight with his new architecturally-constructed undergarment called the "Gorgorin."

Regarding these plunging evening necklines one franc-Atlantic buyer acidly remarked "all dressed up and some vertical."

Other turn-of-the-century comebacks at Balmain are leg-

o-mutton sleeves, paired with necklines that sweep lower as the hour advances.

Balmain's other classically-beautiful evening clothes feature dresden shepherdess silhouettes with puffed skirts, great puffed sleeves, aches, porcelain colours and embroideries.

Oriental-inspired lantern sleeves are heavily embroidered, contrasting the simplicity of black velvet sheath dinner-gowns, while frocks decorated have acquired brandy-goblet sleeves contrived entirely of dozens of big velvet bows.

One of Balmain's effects this season is the tulle ball-gown, printed to imitate the markings of the snow leopard, which is rimmed round the décolletée with a band of real fur, matching the important, triangular fur stole.

Fur is a big feature throughout the collection.

Chanel reiterated her bi-annual triumph tonight with the classic interpretation of the little "matchbox."

She does the boxy jacket and straight skirt paired with fabric contrast in jacket lining and printed cashmere shirtwaists.

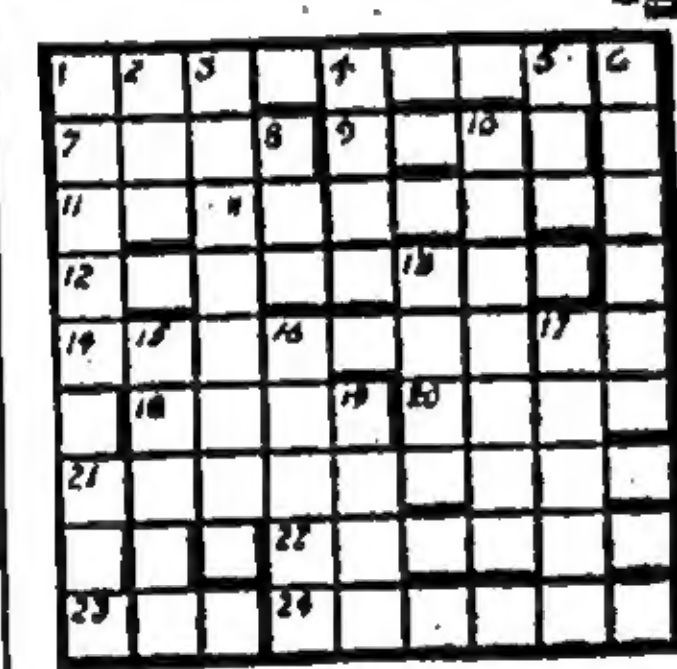
She takes her traditional suit silhouette into formal wear in lame and metalised brocades, dressed up with ropes of pearls or pendant jewels.—Reuter.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

BORN today, you are a dreamer, a perfectionist and an idealist. But in addition to all this you are also a "doer." You are not one to let an idea pass into the public domain just because no one has done anything with it. You will follow through any idea you have started to the bitter end. You may start off in an entirely different direction, but the objective will be the same.

CROSSWORD



- Across
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Yesterday's solution

WOMANSENSE

How This Cinzi Made A Fortune

THERE'S still a fortune in fashion. There's still plenty of cash to be made from clothes. But they must be the right clothes at the right price.

The story of Horace Lindsay, who was found shot in his Arlington House flat, next to the Ritz Hotel in London, proves it.

For Horace Lindsay was chairman and managing director of one of Britain's most successful wholesale dress businesses. It brought him a fortune, a flat in the £2,000-a-year phibet, an £8,000 Bentley, and a country mansion.

All this was made in little more than 10 years at a time when people were saying you couldn't make money in England any more.

for more than £4, but he sold millions.

He was typical of a new class of dress manufacturer and like many others he brought a woman into his business. His designer was Viennese-born Mrs P. W. Lenz.

Before the war women were machinists. They pressed. They sewed on the buttons, and sometimes they were even cutters. They rarely designed, and they didn't have much say, if any, in the actual business side.

Now, practically every successful dress manufacturer I know has brought a woman into the business, often his wife, and more often than not it is she who is really "the business."

NEW METHODS

PROBABLY no other trade has changed so much since the war as this one. Once the travellers trickered round the shops and stores with their sad bundles of dresses and coats.

Now the buyers have to come to the manufacturers. They have learned to give dress shows with champagne and pretty models.

Lindsay's "Cinzi" style today is a full-skirted, light-waisted dress in printed cotton. Practically the same style except for a few inches off the bottom as it was at the beginning.

I don't know how much Mr Lindsay was worth, but I do know that he was a rich man. He had his 10 years of fame in a small way, perhaps in a small world. But he proved that in Britain, if you've got the brain, the eye, the resources, the drive, and the sense to have a fashion-conscious woman around the place, there's still a fortune to be made in fashion. — London Express Service.

HARD HEADS

SOME people may think that anyone can make money in the fur trade. Not so.

This is a highly competitive business, and to make money in it you've got to be cleverer than the others, and you've got to have one of the hardest business heads going.

Mr Lindsay was a clever man, a good business man, and he knew his market. He started his business in 1947, the time of Christian Dior's "New Look."

He saw in the feminine, tight-waisted, full-skirted, flowery looking dresses the way to a girl's heart and to her purse.

He made clothes for a new type of girl, the smarter, younger woman, who earned 10 times more than she did before the war and demanded a "pretty high" standard—but not high fashion.

He went all out for sweet 17-year-old sex appeal. He seldom made a dress that sold

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Letter From Mary-Jane

—Handi Helps Rag Doll to Write It—

By MAX TRELL

"I WISH I could write," said Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, told Handi, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name.

"Why?" asked Handi, looking at her somewhat in surprise.

"Why do you want to write?" "I don't know," said Mary-Jane, "I just want to write a letter."

"A letter?" said Handi. "To whom do you want to write a letter, dear?"

It was Mary-Jane's turn to look surprised.

"Do I have to write to somebody? I just want to write a letter."

"Letters have to be written to somebody," Handi told her. "That's what a letter means—it means writing something to somebody."

"I haven't anyone to write to," the Rag Doll replied. "And, anyhow, I can't write. So I guess I just must use wishing I could write a letter, is it?"

Handi thought about this for a minute or two.

Then she said: "You could write to Teddy, the Stuffed Bear."

"But he's sitting on the other side of the room," said Mary-Jane. "There he is, leaning against the bookshelf. I can see him from here with no trouble at all. I can shout to him. Why should I write him a letter?"

Bad Manners

"It's bad manners to shout," explained Handi. "When you write a letter, no one hears you. It's much quieter. Besides, I'm sure Teddy would like to get a letter from you. Everyone likes to get letters."

"Here," Handi continued, as she went over to the desk and



Mary-Jane told Handi what to put in the letter.

got a pencil and a sheet of paper. "I'll write the letter for you, dear. Just tell me what you want to say to Teddy."

Mary-Jane looked perplexed. "I-I don't know what to say to him."

"The first thing you say is 'Dear Teddy.'"

"Oh yes—that sounds fine. I really think he is a dear. I'm glad you thought of that."

"Now what else do you want me to say in your letter?" Handi asked. "Should I say you'd like to see him?"

"Oh yes," answered Mary-Jane. "Only I can see him right from where I'm sitting, you know."

"I'll tell him you'd like to see him more often. Is that all right?"

Rag Doll's Letter

Mary-Jane said that was exactly what she would like. So Handi wrote it down.

Then she read the letter to Mary-Jane:

Dear Teddy (and you are a dear): I can see you from where I'm sitting now. But I'd like very much to see you more often.

Love,
Mary-Jane.

Then Handi folded the letter and took it to Teddy on the other side of the room to read. He was quite delighted to receive it.

"Of course she can see more of me I'd like to see her more often, too," Teddy told Handi. "I'll go right over and sit down next to her."

And that's what Teddy did! He and Mary-Jane spent the rest of the afternoon sitting side by side.

They were both very happy, very proud, very still.

And Handi was glad she had helped Mary-Jane write a letter.



The "Debs" Ball

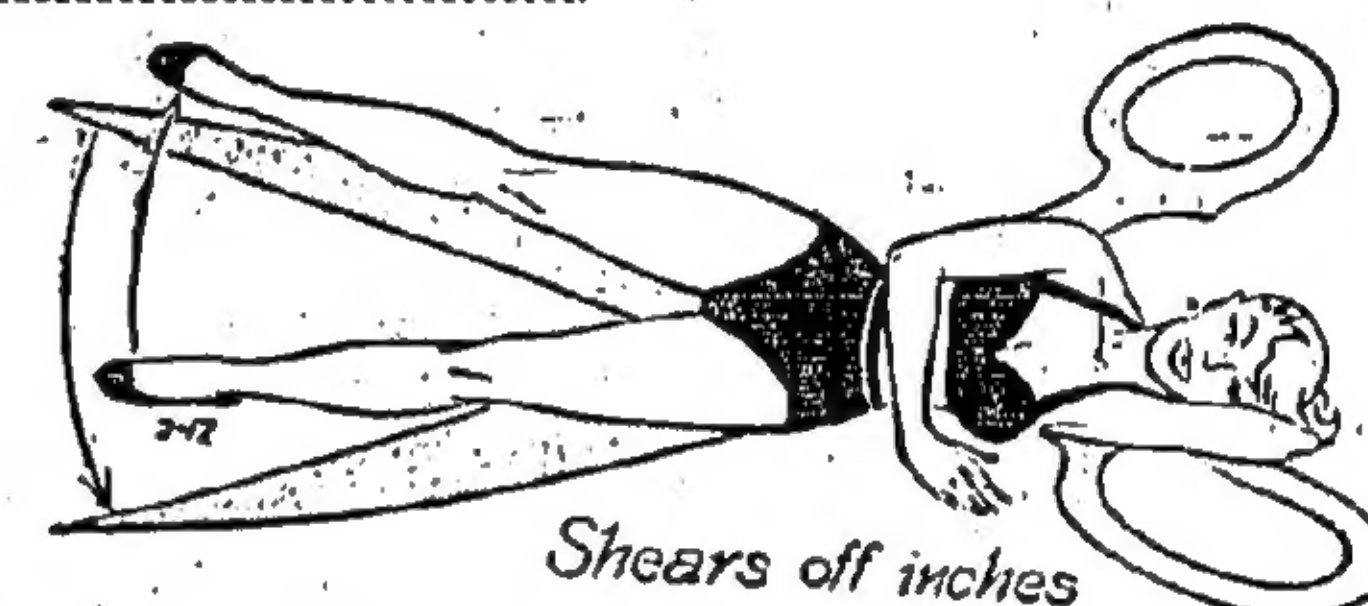
WHEN the Queen decided to discontinue the famous Buckingham Palace presentation, all the debutantes were very disappointed.

As a compensation, a ball will be organised each year in the magnificent setting of the Chateau de Versailles.

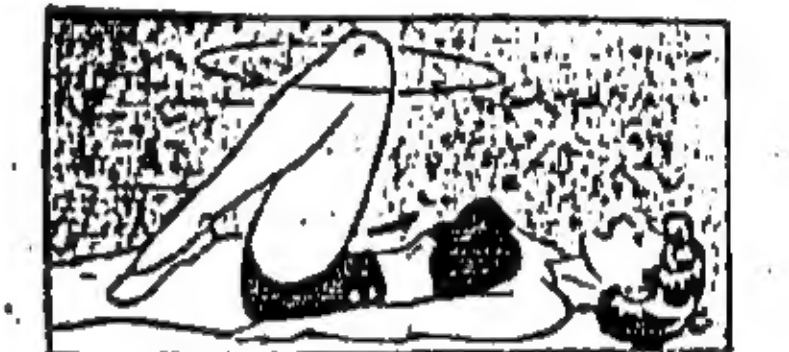
Some of the richest and prettiest girls of America joined French "debs," and all were wearing white or delicate pastel shaded dresses, work of the top French fashion designers.

Here is Miss Gloria Kent of U.S.A. with her St Cyr escort.

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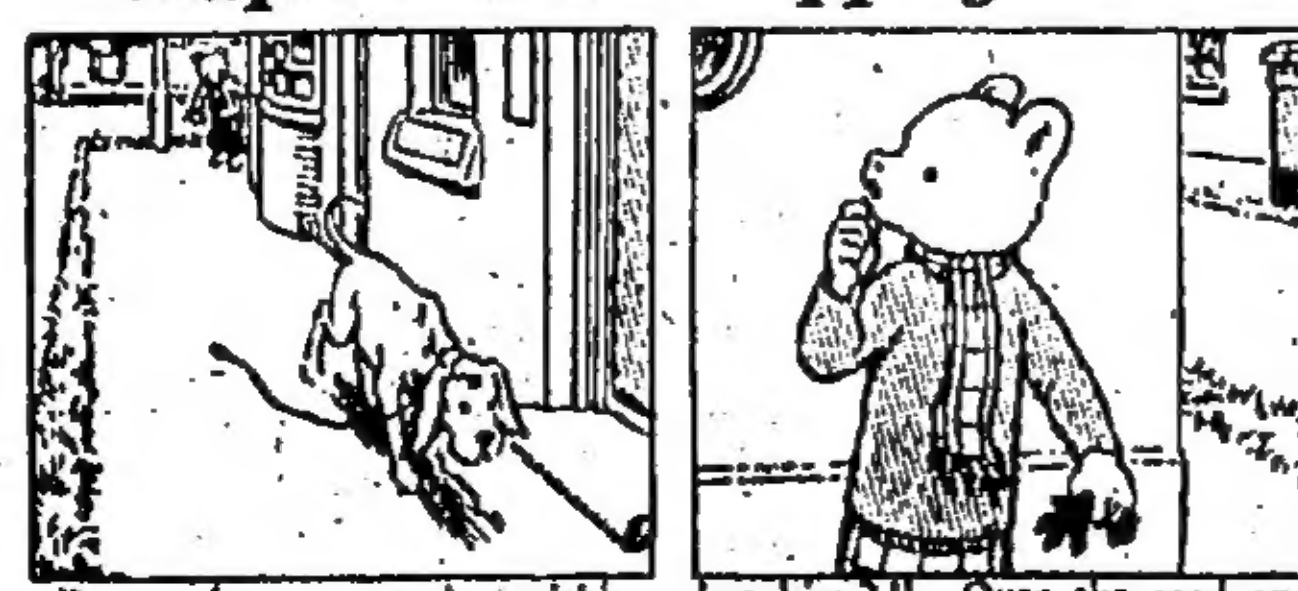
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Rupert and Floppity—10



Rupert has to work quickly. Putting his paper carrier on the counter he tells the shopman what he wants to buy, and then he follows Floppity out of the shop.

"I must catch him," he thinks. "What would Rupert say if I lost him?" Over the road and round a corner he sets the dog moving rapidly with his head down close to the ground. At the next corner he misses him but as he pauses he hears a voice, not far away, calling for help.

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England Sets A New Test Cricket Record FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN AGAINST KIWIS

**BEST
ENGLAND
BOWLING
SIDE IN
30 YEARS
Says O'Reilly**

Sydney, July 29. England's bowling line-up for the coming Australian tour is the strongest in Test cricket for 30 years, according to the former Australian Test bowler, Bill O'Reilly.

Writing in today's Sydney Morning Herald, O'Reilly said that each of the 17 players selected for the tour was "bloated, mature and as tough as they come."

O'Reilly said: "As if five bowlers—Statham, Freeman, Tyson, Lander and Bailey—were not enough to strike deeply at any partly recovered confidence, they must add to them three outstanding spinners, Laker, Lock and Warde. Each of these bowlers is simply geared to bowl a Test team out unsupported, and most of them have done so already."

O'Reilly said that Australians were looking forward to seeing Laker's exploits on Australian wickets. Like Lock, Laker had not visited Australia before.

VITAL FACTOR

Lock would do well, O'Reilly predicted. His slow to medium left-arm bowling would be a vital factor in the series.

Another likely to have an important influence on the series was Freddie Trueman.

"Peter May will be the run-getter," said O'Reilly. "He has developed fully since his last visit and we may expect many exciting innings from his powerful bat."

Richardson, unpredictable left-hander, who gets runs consistently despite his Surtcliffe-like disregard for some of the fundamental rules of batting, will provide solid support.

The Australian selectors, said O'Reilly, could see that England really meant business and were setting out to win the series systematically.

—China Mail Special.

Australians Demonstrate Superiority In Swim Meet

London, July 29. Australia's clear cut swimming superiority over Britain was again demonstrated at the Seymour Palace baths here tonight when they competed against teams from the rest of the Commonwealth.

Scotland's Ian Black failed again to give a serious challenge to the 16-year-old Australian Jon Konrad, following their Games encounter.

INCREASED LEAD

Scotland's Ian Black continued their hope could take his revenge—but they saw him sadly trailing the young Australian who steadily increased his lead to win the 440 yards in 4 minutes, 31.3 seconds.

Most of races were contested over unfamiliar distances in this awkward pool, which has a length of only 44 yards.

—France-Press.

KMB Win Again

Ipsol, July 29. The touring Kowloon Bus Company soccer team tonight beat Perak State by one goal to nil.

—Reuter.



TONY LOCK IN ACTION

Hampshire Retains Lead In County Cricket Championship

EIGHT MATCHES DECIDED YESTERDAY

London, July 29. All eight matches in the county cricket championship programme ending today produced definite results.

Hampshire the only one of the 17 counties without a game retained its lead in the championship table with 152 points.

Northamptonshire winners yesterday over Worcestershire have taken over second place with 140 points—six ahead of reigning champions Surrey who slipped by an innings and 33 yesterday against Essex.

Deserved Victory

Somerset (116 points) and Kent (101) retain fourth and fifth places with Middlesex (100) taking over sixth position from Worcestershire.

Middlesex gained a deserved win by six wickets over Glamorgan at Lords. They were set to score 149 to win in 200 minutes to spare. Don Bennett ended the match by hitting spin bowler Jim McConnon for six straight over the bowlers head.

Innings Defeat

Somerset beat Leicestershire by 67 runs at Leicester. Australian-born Bill Alley (six for 39) and spinner Brian Langford (four for 45) dismissed Leicestershire for 103 with half an hour to spare.

Lancashire gained their seventh championship win of the season when beating Warwickshire by an innings and 13 runs at Edgbaston with nearly 60 minutes to spare.

In the morning it appeared that Warwickshire would be rapidly tumbled to defeat when three wickets fell for 17.

Held Up Attack

Mike Smith the Warwickshire and England batsman hit 70 not out including 12 fours in 225 minutes to spare. Don Bennett attacked for much longer than expected.

The task of trying to get 199 in 170 minutes on a rain affected pitch at Bristol proved too much for Gloucestershire and they were dismissed for 125 in two hours.

New Chinese Marathon Record

Paris, July 29. A new national marathon record has been set by Chou Wen-ching, a 20-year-old student of a Kirin technical school. He covered the 42 kilometres, 105 metres in 2 hours 42 minutes 3.2 seconds.

The previous record, Peiding radio reported, was held by Chung Liang-yu with 2 hrs 52 mins 34.6 secs.

Chou Wen-ching set the record in the Kirin Municipal Marathon contest on July 27.

—France-Press.

Kramer's Tennis Circus Opens In Austria

Austria, July 29. The Kramer tennis circus opened here today with a series of exhibition matches.

The results were: Ken Rosewall (Australia) beat Pancho Segura (USA) 4-3, 6-3. Tony Trabert (USA) beat Lewis Hoad (Australia) 6-6, 7-5, 6-4.

The doubles between Hoad and Rosewall and Trabert and Segura was interrupted by rain.

—France-Press.

Lock Paves The Way To An Innings Triumph

Old Trafford, July 29.

There was no escape for New Zealand. Trapped on a sticky Old Trafford pitch, they again found Tony Lock, the Surrey left-hand spinner in irresistible form and taking seven wickets for 35 runs, he caused them to be routed for 85. So England won by an innings and 13 runs today on a glorious sunny afternoon.

Final scores were:—
New Zealand—267 and 85.
England—365 for 9 declared.
To the disappointment of the 5,000 crowd, no exhibition match was played because the match had gone into the last day.

Two years ago, Laker set up new bowling records by taking 46 wickets in a series against Australia and 19 in the Old Trafford match.

Laker was left out of this match when he declined to go to Australia—he changed his mind later—and now his County colleague has taken the honours. Five are Lock's figures for the four Tests.

Edgbaston—none for none and 3 for 25.
Lords: five for 17 and four for 12.
Headingley: four for 14 and 7 for 51.
Old Trafford: 1 for 61 and 7 for 35.

A Record

So in the four matches he has claimed 31 wickets for 215 runs, easily a record for any England and New Zealand series. Moreover, Lock has now taken 102 wickets in his Test career.

One wonders if any touring side would have acquired them—selves any better on this treacherous pitch. From an hour the sun shone with great power and a strong wind helped to dry the ground.

The resumption came promptly at 10.30 and Lock, who had an over to complete, bowled until the sun shone with great power and a strong wind helped to dry the ground.

Both Lock and Statham took pivots out of the soft surface and with the ball coming through at varying speeds and heights, the batsmen had a difficult task.

Statham began the collapse in the sixth over of the day when he sent Sutcliffe's off stump reeling with a ball that moved so fast off the pitch that the left-hander failed to get his bat down in time.

He then induced a catch from Darcy at the slips where Dexter deflected the ball for Subba Row to take it.

The Bait Again

Reid, the captain, struck a defiant blow by punching Lock through the covers, but Lock offered the bait again and this time Reid lifted the ball to deep mid-off where Watson was waiting. Then Playle was trapped by Lock's faster ball.

Meanwhile, Illingworth, the Yorkshire off-spinner, had taken over from Statham, and he bowled Harford off his pads, the batsman failing to offer a stroke. Similarly, Macgibbon, deceived by Lock's change of pace to his quicker ball, still had his bat high in the air when he applied his pads.

At this point, England had taken the first six wickets in the first hour and a quarter today for the addition of only 21 runs, but they met with some stubborn resistance from Petrie and Mol.

Indeed, in three quarters of an hour up to lunch, only one more wicket went down and it gave Lock his hundredth wicket in Test cricket when he held a fast low return from Sparling.

New Zealand, 78 for seven at lunch, knew their fate was sealed.

The Last Wicket

Mol, who batted half an hour for 12, was another Lock victim and Petrie, 50 minutes for nine was held off Illingworth at square leg before Lock took the last wicket with a beautiful ball that just clipped Blair's off-stump.

To Peter May and his powerful England team goes the distinction of being the first combination to win the first four Tests in a series in this country.

Here are the results against New Zealand:
At Edgbaston—England won by 205 runs.
At Lords: England won by an innings and 148 runs.
At Headingley: England won by an innings and 71 runs.
At Old Trafford: England won by an innings and 13 runs.

Moreover, only three times in eight innings has New Zealand managed to reach a three figure total. The weakness in batting has been their big handicap but in no department do they compare favourably with England, who will surely find much tougher opposition when they visit Australia in the winter.

Test Averages

The following are leading test averages after the first four Test matches between England and New Zealand.			
ENGLAND — BATTING			
P. May	4	3	215
C. May	4	3	112
Richardson	4	3	100
Graveney	4	3	119
L. Ock	4	3	25
M. Smith	4	3	47
T. Bailey	4	3	25
ENGLAND — BOWLING			
J. Laker	4	3	104
T. Bailey	4	3	61
P. Trueman	4	3	61
P. Lander	4	3	114
NEW ZEALAND — BATTING			
J. Sparling	4	3	59
Macgibbon	4	3	107
Sutcliffe	4	3	41
J. Darcy	4	3	117
E. Petrie	4	3	72
L. Ock	4	3	25
J. Reid	4	3	14
NEW ZEALAND — BOWLING			
A. Macgibbon	4	3	104
Albaster	4	3	107
J. Haynes	4	3	122
K. Reid	4	3	176
Sparling	4	3	124
R. Cave	4	3	141
R. Blair	4	3	125

Sports Diary

TODAY

Men's 'C' Division: KTCGA v Urban Council; LHC v HCCC; IRC v PORC; CFC (2) v BRC (2); CFC (3) v CFC (1); CFC (1) v CFC (1).

TOMORROW

Children's Golf at Deep Water Bay, Kowloon.

Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Football Association Ltd., U.K. Stadium, 6 p.m.

Not According To Agreement AMERICAN COACH OBJECTS TO POINT SCORING SYSTEM IN U.S.-SOVIET ATHLETICS MEET

Moscow, July 29. Russia started right today preparing for next year's U.S.-Russian track meet in Philadelphia by sending a squad of lady scientists to grill American stars on their training methods.

The U.S. athletes, who scored a 120-109 triumph over Soviet competitors in the men's half of the two-day competition that ended at Lenin Stadium yesterday, found two things waiting for them when they came down to breakfast today:

Not The Procedure

Russian papers headlining a 172-170 point victory for Russia. The Soviet team got this total by combining points for men's and women's events, which was not supposed to be the procedure, according to U.S. officials.

A battery of earnest young Soviet women armed with pads and pencils and an inexhaustible supply of questions on how the U.S. stars got that way.

The Leninradgostkino Hotel buzzed with activity as the Soviet researchers trailed the Americans to their tables and filled out questionnaires.

Meanwhile, U.S. and Russian officials huddled together for two hours in a so-called "clinic" session, discussing this year's meet and preparations for next year.

Item Of Discussion

It was a clinch that the subject of how the meets should be scored would be a major item of discussion. U.S. official Dan Ferris says he has a letter in which the Russians agreed in

MAJOR UPSET WIN BY HETHERINGTON IN OPEN SINGLES BOWLS

By ROBERT TAY

One major upset was registered yesterday when five of the scheduled fourth-round matches of the Colony Open Singles lawn bowls championship were played off.

At the Hongkong Cricket Club, R. M. Hetherington gave one of his best performances this season when he eliminated former champion A. H. Seemlin by 21-16 after 23 heads.

After losing a two on the first head, Hetherington drew consistently to the jack to gradually forge ahead to 11-3 against an indifferent Seemlin.

REGAINED TOUCH

The former champion, however, gradually regained his touch and rallied back brilliantly to take the score to 13-13, when a heavy shower interrupted play.

On the resumption, Hetherington held a distinct advantage on the extremely heavy green. Keeping to a long head, he drew to 20-13 and sealed the match with a brilliant shot on the 22nd head. He trailed the jack about a yard for a count of three and despite Seemlin's gallant effort to bridge the gap, romped home comfortably by 21-13.

Following are the scores of yesterday's games:

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Results are as follows:
F. R. Kerman (KCC) beat P. Gardner (TC) 22-20; A. Lapsley (KCC) beat L. M. Noves (TC) 22-18; D. C. Symons (KCC) beat A. A. Lopes (KCC) 21-20; R. G. Laugel (PHC) beat J. Chubb (KCC) 21-10; R. M. Hetherington (UBRC) beat A. H. Seemlin (IRC) 21-13.

Next Year's Meet

And the Soviet Navy's daily paper simply headlined "172-170."

George Eastment of Manhattan College, head U.S. coach, and Vavril Korobkov, dynamic Russian coach, got the quiet disagreement about next year's meet.

Korobkov said it should be made clear before the Philadelphia clash that the men's and women's points should be lumped together—"It was what the Soviets did this year to get their 172-170 triumph," he said.

"Definitely not," snapped Eastment. "We never pool them in the United States."

"Why Eastment added, 'I don't think we've got more than 200 women in training over the whole country. When we meet next year it will be two dual meets—one men's and one women's coupled separately, just as this one was supposed to be.'

Soviet Preparations

Eastment disclosed he had complained when the Lenin Stadium scoreboard first displayed the combined score. He said he was preparing the points and the women's points would be separated, but that nothing happened.

Korobkov declined to make any prediction about next year's competition in Philadelphia. But Eastment revealed some of the Soviet preparations.

"They took thousands of feet of films of us," Eastment said, "and they'll study those. They took 75 solid minutes of film of Parry O'Brien (U.S. star who won the shot put)."

Discus thrower Al Oerter of New Hyde Park, New York, said most of the questions he was asked concerned his training in his youth.

NEW DATES FOR BOWLS MATCHES

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A TOUGH BATTLE PREDICTED ITALY AND BRITAIN MEET IN EUROPEAN DAVIS CUP FINAL

Milan, July 29. The Italian Davis Cup team is in for a tough battle when it meets the British team in the final of the European zone on the centre court of the Milan Tennis Club next Friday, Italian experts predicted.

Despite their successive victories over India (3-2), Denmark (5-0) and Poland (4-1), and despite the cold which has kept British player R. Wilson out of training, experts were unwilling to commit themselves on the prospects of the Italian players—Nicola Pietrangeli, Giuseppe Merlo, Orlando Sirola and Antonio Magg.

MORE IMPRESSIVE

On paper the record of the British players has been even more impressive to date than that of the Italians. They have beaten Brazil, Germany and France without conceding a single match, and experts believed that even without Wilson the other three British players—M. C. Davies, W. A. Knight and J. Richard could still give the Italians a good run for their money.

ADDED INCENTIVE

Moreover the British players have the added incentive of representing their country in the European zone finals for the first time in 25 years. For the Italians, the finals have become almost a regular annual event. The outcome, then, is anyone's guess, but the experts are

HK Bowlers Win Again At Wansworth

London, July 29. The Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association touring team won two rinks and lost one against South London Bowling Club at Wansworth Common tonight.

Scores were:

Rink 1: South London 13, Hongkong (V. I. Thomas, R. Macdonald, K. Bodie, W. B. Brown) 22.
Rink 2: South London 9, Hongkong (T. Lawless, A. V. Gosano, S. Ramchand, D. L. Edwards) 28.
Rink 3: South London 20, Hongkong (R. S. Capoll, J. G. Meyer, V. N. Atkinson, J. Royle) 18.—Reuter.

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Sir Winston's Jockey Retiring

Surrey, July 29. Tommy Gosling, 32-year-old jockey who rode for Sir Winston Churchill, announced here today that he was retiring from the saddle.

Gosling announced his decision only a couple of hours before he was due to ride Rampant in the Stewards' Cup. Lester Piggott took over, the mount on Rampant, who was unplaced.

Gosling had a bad fall two years ago and has suffered from pains in the head since then. His retirement was about nine months' notice.

—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS



By Barry Appleby



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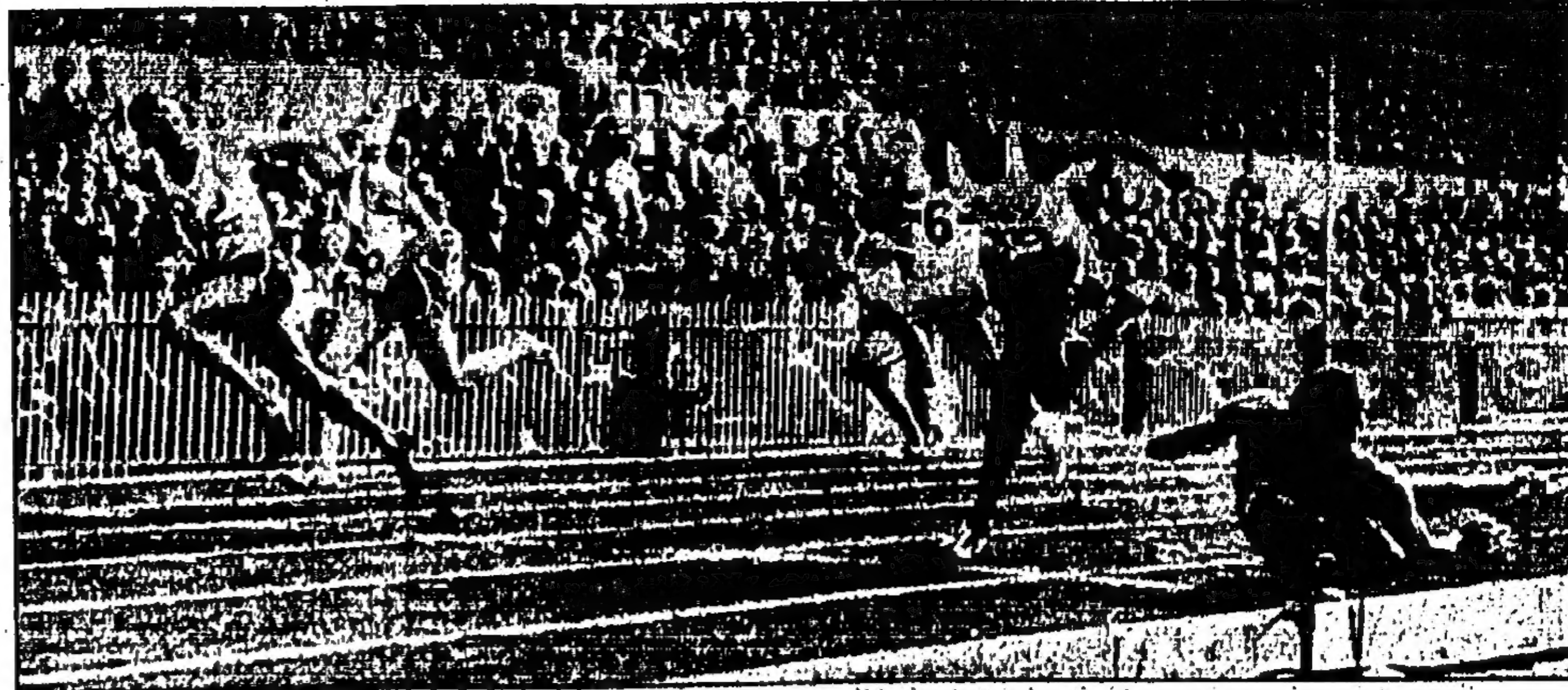
TOP: Prince Philip meets the world's fastest woman, Australian Marlene Matthews-Willard at the Empire Games Village in St Athan, Wales.

Mrs. Matthews-Willard broke the world record for the 100 yards during the Games with a time of 10.6 seconds. — Central Press Photo.

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RIGHT: Margaret Edwards is cuddled by her mother after she had broken the 110 yards backstroke world record (12.3 secs) when swimming against doctor's advice in the Empire Games.

Although suffering from tonsillitis and swollen glands, she took part in the 440 yards medley relay race for England, swimming the first leg backstroke in 72.3 seconds. — Reuter photo.



One of the most sensational finishes at the Empire Games was that of the 120 yards hurdles final as seen above.

Keith Gardner (Jamaica) heads the tape to win. J. J. Swart (South Africa) falls on his back at the tape to be judged sixth. He later appealed and the judges after a closer examination of the photo-finish awarded him second place. G. Razik (Pakistan — No. 39) was third and R. Stranger (Canada — second from left) fourth.

The record-equalling time of the winner was 14 seconds. — Keystone photo.



TOP: Seen after the investiture last week at Buckingham Palace are these three British sporting figures. They are, from left, golfer Dai Rees, who was made a Commander of the British Empire; Manchester United football team manager Matt Busby, also made a CBE; and world featherweight boxing champion Hogan Bassey, who received the British Empire medal. — Central Press Photo.

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TOP RIGHT: The Yorkshire off-spinner Ray Illingworth who has been included in the England cricket team to tour Australia at the end of this year.



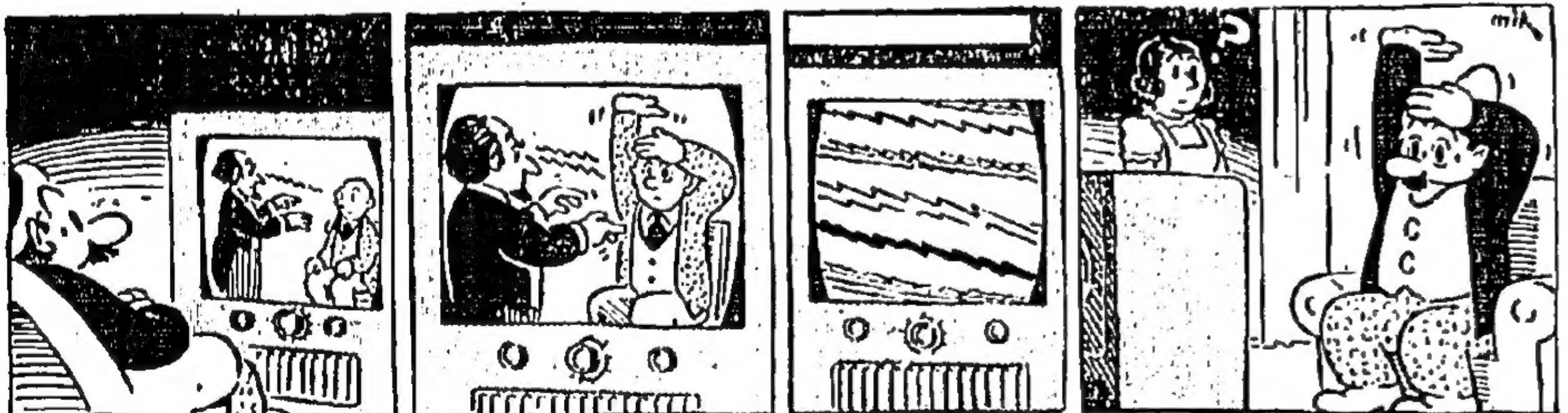
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ESTUM-18



TOP: W. D. Power of Australia enters the stadium at the end of the 26-mile marathon race at the Empire Games, well ahead of the other competitors.

Power won the event in a Games record time of 2 hours 22 minutes 45.3 seconds. — Central Press Photo.

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BELOW: England's women's medley relay team broke the world record for the 4 x 110 yards at the Empire Pool last week during the Games.

Here Diane Wilkinson is hugged by Judy Grinham after the race in which both had swum. Diane clasps in her hand a time card of the race, which was thrown to the team as souvenirs. — Central Press Photo.



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On These Hot Summer Nights Gamblers Go To Sea HONGKONG'S FLOATING CASINOS

Read About The Millionaire Who Lost Three Houses

by A. China Mail Reporter

GAMBLING is more or less universal in Hongkong. Our poor gamble, our middle-class gamble and our rich gamble. The only difference between the three classes is the amount of money; types of games; and the surroundings.

Now that summer is here some have moved out of their homes to gamble on the sea—the middle-class on sampans and the rich on luxurious launches.

Telephones Out Of Order

Due to the recent heavy rainfall a number of the Hongkong Telephone Company's cables, were damaged and subsequently telephones in various districts went out of order on Friday.

The Telephone Company announced this morning that the few telephones which are still out of order should be repaired by tonight.

Clouds will remain over the Colony and further showers are expected for the next 24 hours at least. The Royal Observatory reported this morning. Between midnight and noon, the Observatory recorded .06 inches of rain.

At noon the temperature was 83.9 degrees. Humidity and the relative humidity was 85 per cent.

Roulette, craps, mah-jong or poker are the games the rich play on their launches, which go out on these hot summer nights with parties aboard.

One millionaire is said to have lost three houses in one night, but this was exceptional as the usual turnover for a night on one of these outings is around the half-million mark.

Not Regular

These gambling trips are not regular but they are frequent in summer time. There is no particular day on which they go out. When they are in the mood and enough people can be called together, then they go.

Those who go are millionaires and their lady friends, play-boys and their girl friends, daughters of rich families and their escorts, and friends of the host's friends.

The usual time for their return at night is around 11 p.m.

but sometimes if the gambling fever is high and everyone agrees, they play until the early hours of the morning.

On these excursions it is an unwritten law on one launch that the maximum stake in any game is \$50,000, while the lowest chip played with is worth \$100.

Drinks Free

There is no permanent banker and no such thing as taking a percentage out of each game for expenses. All those on the launch are guests of the host and the drinks and snacks are free.

One launch has a built-in crap table in the saloon which is part of the patrolling of one side of the cabin. When needed it can be pulled out and played on.

So if you ever hear the clack-clack of a roulette ball jumping from hole to hole, or the rattle of dice drifting across the water from another launch, you may be fairly sure that you are in the presence of the RICCI.

But your chances are slim, because they usually anchor at places that are not often frequented by other pleasure seekers on these steaming hot days.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Report On China

Sir,—In the "China Mail" of July 22, 1958 I read a report of Frederick Ellis about "The Surprises You Find in China". In this article he reports:

"China has a death penalty, but it is rarely carried out."

I am at a loss to understand how a reporter of repute can make such a statement in the face of well established facts to the contrary. Mr. Ellis must have been aware that this sentence in his report is untrue.

However, it is a real surprise to me indeed that of all the many who must have read this article and knew better, no one raises his voice in protest.

It is this indifference to Communist propaganda and the absence of immediate corrections which makes it so dangerous.

WALTER.

Unchanging Laws

Sir,—You report that three destitute Russians who arrived in Hongkong by junk from Shanghai were brought before Mr. Hin Shing, fined \$100 or the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment for illegally entering the Colony. In the circumstances cannot these wretched people who probably for years have waited for a chance to escape from China, claim asylum? They are not criminals and to me it seems a bit hard for them to be clapped into prison, after risking their lives to get to this outpost of freedom in the Far East.

BRITON

TWO BOYS HURT IN CAR MISHAPS

A five-year-old boy was knocked down and injured by a private car in Jordan, near its junction with Canton Road, at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

The lad, Tse Kin-kung, of No. 255, Temple Street, mezzanine floor, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital, where he is being detained for treatment.

In another traffic accident, a seven-year-old boy, Wong Kwong-kuen, of No. 20, Possession Street, first floor, was hit by a car in Connaught Road Central, near its junction with Morrison Street.

The boy sustained injuries and was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

SHE MAY OPEN OFFICE HERE

Mrs. Marion E. Scott Tilton, an expert textile designer, arrived from Yokohama in the ss President Wilson this morning to investigate the textile market in the Colony on designs as well as production.

Being the Far Eastern Director of Cohn Hall Mark Co. (Columbia) and Baur & Berard, Mrs. Tilton said she would look for some new and interesting designs, she added that she might open an office here if the business was good.

Suspects Held

The Police have arrested a man following enquiries into the theft of a pair of spectacles from a man in Arthur Street, near Man Ming Lane.

Another man is being detained following an attempt to steal from a man sleeping on the pavement in Reclamation Street, near Soy Street.

Goodwill Trip

Senator Eulogio Rodriguez, President of the Philippine Senate and the Nacionalista Party, arrived in the ss President Wilson this morning from Manila en route to America and Europe on a goodwill mission.

Travelling with his family, Senator Rodriguez will also observe the legislature in the countries he will visit.

GOVERNOR INSPECTS TWO NEW LAUNCHES

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black, inspected two Thornycroft 78-foot seaward patrol launches—one for the Police Force and the other for the Department of Commerce and Industry—at Queen's Pier this morning.

Following the 25-minute inspection, the Governor went for a trial trip to Lee Yue Mun and Tathong Channel on the Police launch.

The Police launch will be used for extended patrols for policing the eastern, western and southern waters of the Colony and will provide supporting action on emergency calls from patrolling 70-foot launches.

The D. C. & I. launch will be used by the Preventive Service of the Department of Commerce and Industry for routine duties in the outlying waters of the Colony now covered by the 70-foot launches.

Having good sea-keeping qualities and a much higher top speed than the 70-foot launches, this vessel is capable of special interception work.

Both launches are 78 feet long, 15 feet wide and have a depth of 9 feet 3 inches (from top of deck to bottom of keel). They are powered by three Thornycroft "Meteorite" engines of 275 hp each (triple screw), and have a shaft of ten knots on centre engine, 14.65 knots on two engines continuous and 19.5 knots on three engines (half-hour burst).

Both vessels can stay out at sea for a period of from three days to four days, cruising at 11 knots for 500 miles or at a speed of 14.65 knots for 300 miles.

It was learnt that apart from the launches inspected by the Governor this morning, a third vessel is already in service with the D.C. & I.



H.E. The Governor greets Chief Inspector A. Rose on the new police launch this morning. Behind the Governor is the acting Director of Marine, Mr. W. B. K. Collins.—China Mail Photo.

Japanese Captain Tells How His Ship Ran Aground

by T. S. KOO

The master of the 7,613-ton Japanese freighter Meikai Maru which sank on Monday after running on to an underwater rock 300 miles from Hongkong arrived this morning aboard another Japanese ship Meian Maru which rescued him.

Unexpectedly strong currents, bad weather, and the radar going out of order were the main reasons for the mishap, Captain Genkichi Kawamaru said.

The Meikai Maru sank at 6.35 p.m. after all the forward holds of the ship had taken in water.

Captain Kawamaru and other members of the crew saw the last of the ship which went down bow first.

Repairs Fail

The master arrived this morning with his chief officer, chief engineer, first engineer, store keeper, quartermaster, No. 1 oiler and chief operator.

The rest of the crew of the Meikai Maru arrived yesterday evening in the Japanese ship Seikoku Maru.

Captain Kawamaru said the radar was found to be out of order after the ship left Japan on its way to Hongkong. The chief operator tried to repair it but in vain.

When the Meikai Maru was about to enter the passage between Koto-Syo and Gadd Rock, southeast of Formosa early on Sunday, the master said, the visibility was so poor that he had to return on the course at 2.30 a.m. An hour after, at daylight, he resumed the voyage.

Two Knots

At 10.09 a.m. on Sunday, the Meikai Maru, underway at a speed of about two knots, struck the rock below the water line on the port side.

The ship felt a slight shock on impact, the Captain said. No. 2 and 3 holds were first flooded. Later all the forward holds were taking in water and the ship listed about 30 degrees to starboard.

"I was afraid of the rock, and all the time the ship was travelling at a slow speed," the Captain said.

There was heavy rain and fog, and the visibility was one to one-and-a-half miles at the time of the grounding.

"Because the radar was out of order, I could not be certain of the position of the ship," he continued. "I had altered the course further away from Gadd Rock, but unexpectedly strong currents moved the ship towards it."

The Seikoku Maru was first to arrive at the scene to give help. Later came the Seikai Maru and the Meian Maru.

The crew left the Meikai Maru at 6 p.m. on Sunday except for the Captain and the wireless operator who remained on board until 7 p.m.

The Meikai Maru, built in 1955, was on her way to Hongkong with 200 tons of cargo for local discharge, and about 600 tons for Singapore.

The owners of the ship were Meiji Kaisha in Kobe.

Total Loss

In a public announcement today the agents for the ship, Eastern Lloyd Ltd, declare that the vessel is a total loss.

The entire crew of the Meikai Maru will leave for Japan in the American liner, President Wilson tomorrow.

Woman Wakes To Find Suitcase Ransacked Man Sent To Gaol

For stealing a lady's watch, a gold finger ring, a fountain pen, a cigarette lighter, four items of clothing and \$83 in cash, Lee Kam, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. A. L. Leathlean at Central Magistracy this morning.

Sub-Inspector T. Y. Ip, prosecuting told the Court that at 5 a.m. yesterday, Chan Wan-rou, a woman living at 21 Barrows Street, second floor, woke up and discovered her suitcase had been ransacked.

She immediately called the Police. An inmate of another cubicle, So San-hing, also found \$10 missing.

Two detectives on pawn shop duty the same day later saw the defendant offer a lady's wrist watch for money at the Wing Cheong Pawn Shop in Queen's Road West.

Questioned, he could not satisfactorily explain how he came into possession of the watch. Later, at the Police Station, he confessed to stealing \$20 and other property from the two women found missing.

A search revealed he had a fountain pen and a cigarette lighter which he admitted having stolen together with a pair of trousers and \$93 in cash on Sunday from 100 Canal Road West, home of Yau Chiu-chun.

Going To Medan

Mr. Paul Miller, the new U.S. Vice-Consul for Medan, arrived from San Francisco in the ss President Wilson this morning.

Mr. Miller who is taking over from Mr. J. Crockett will leave by plane tomorrow for Medan.

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NOON GUN

How many readers know the legend attached to the firing of the noon gun by Jardine's? Asks the author of "Old Hongkong," a column regularly published in the SCM Post 25 years ago.

The gun, he says, is about three feet in length, and is of the vintage of the Sixties.

Details are lacking, but the most authentic story attaching to this daily duty—the "noon gun"—is as follows. It appears that once upon a time, in the somewhat free and easy fifties, or it may have been in the sixties, Sir Robert Jardine was returning to the Colony after a sojourn in the homeland.

Such an auspicious occasion called for special recognition and his associates decided to fire a salute from their guns at East Point. So the head of the illustrious Hong entered the harbour to the sound of gunfire, and if he counted the salutes he may, or may not, have been surprised to find that he had been accorded twenty-one guns!

But there were others who had counted them—the Admiral and the General, and other officials; and it may be that the Admiral, in pity, realised that it was a bit of a bother, we know, and the truly royal salute had to be explained.

We assume that much of the explanation was accomplished in the food old way, on either side of a table on which there was something other than pens and ink and official foolscap.

In the end, by arrangement with the authorities, the Jardine Matheson and Co. undertook to fire the noon gun, in penance, and perpetuity.

We can assume that it was an amende honorable that satisfied all parties, for the firm today looks upon the duty as a privilege, and those of us who get some store by history and tradition, will hope that the custom may continue so long as Hongkong lasts.

COMPETITION

RUMOURS to the effect that the Green Island Cement Company have disposed of their plant to the value of more than \$1,500,000 were quashed yesterday by Mr. Allan Keith, the Secretary of the Company. It has been common gossip that the company has found it most difficult to compete against Japanese dumped cement and against Canton's product. Faint hopes that the local product would be protected in some manner, in the Hongkong market, at least, have died. Shareholders have therefore expressed the opinion that the Company should reduce its ambitions, its output and its plant to a scale commensurate with its circumstances.

HAT COST \$2

A Chinese who walked into Mr. Wynne-Jones's Court wearing a hat was fined \$2.

Mr. Wynne-Jones—Have you got any money?

Defendant—How much?

Mr. Wynne-Jones—Two dollars.

Defendant—I have only one dollar.

Mr. Wynne-Jones—Search him.

Defendant was searched by the Court Constable and two silver dollars were produced from his pocket!

OLD PRAYA

WHILST sinking the foundations of the temporary building to be erected on the site of the now demolished City Hall, workmen discovered traces of masonry which may prove to have some interesting associations. It is in the vicinity of the discovery that the old Praya Wall used to stand many years before the City Hall was built, and further digging may reveal that it is indeed part of the wall. The City Hall was built over 60 years ago and masonry which has been found would of course be still older.

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